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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Teak Trees
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to encourage farmers to grow teak trees in their fields;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government has any estimation of the areas of land in acres used at present to grow teak wood in the country including Bihar and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a)& (b) There is no specific proposal to encourage farmers to grow teak trees in their fields. However, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Chang is providing funds to the States under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Afforestation Programme (NAP), for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining areas in the country. Apart from NAP, this ministry is also implementing National Mission for a Green India (GIM) which is one of the eight missions under National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC). GIM aims to increase forest & tree cover and improve quality of forest cover, and also envisages Agro-forestry and Social forestry as one among the five sub-missions under the scheme. The choice of species to be planted under NAP & GIM is decided by the Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs)/Gram Sabhas, based on local preferences, suitability and agro-climatic conditions. In addition to NAP&GIM, afforestation/tree plantation activities are also taken up cross sectorally under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes of other Ministries and also under different State Plan/Non plan schemes in country. As informed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmer's Welfare, no specific programme to encourage teak plantation on farmers field is being implemented by the ministry. However, the Sub-Mission on Agro-forestry (SMAF) is being implemented from the year 2016-17 for promotion of agro-forestry in the country under which tree plantation in non-forest area/ on farmland along with crops/cropping system and as block plantation in cultivable waste land etc. is being promoted.

(c) The area under different crop composition in recorded forest area of the country has been estimated by Forest Survey of India (FSI) once and published in India State of Forest Report (ISFR)-2013. As per the report, the area of Teak in recorded forest area is given as follows:

i) Teak 36121 sq. k.m. (8925693.5 acres)
ii) Teak with miscellaneous 32648 sq. k.m. (8067496.5 acres)
iii) Teak mixed with Bamboo 617 sq. k.m. (152464.0 acres)
iv) Teak mixed with Sal 154 sq. k.m. (38054.2 acres)
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